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SUBJ: GOP RESTRICTS LABOR ACTIVITIES

- 1. MANUEL DIA WHO RECENTLY ARRIVED FROM ASIAN REGIONAL OFFICE OF ILO, HAS TOLD EMBASSY LABOR OFFICER THAT NEW MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATION (MLA) HAS SEALED OFFICES OF TRADE UNIONS AND FEDERATIONS TO ENFORCE BAN ON LABOR ACTIVITIES. DIA WHO IS HERE UNDER ILO PROJECT TO ASSIST GOP DEVELOP AN AUTONOMOUS LABOR EDUCATION BODY, ALSO SAID THAT HIS REQUESTS TO CONSULT WITH VARIOUS LABOR LEADERS IN CONNECTION WITHE THE PROJECT HAVE BEEN TURNED DOWN BY MINISTRY OF LABOR OFFICIALS. THESE OFFICIALS CITE MLA'S BAN ON LABOR ACTIVITIES AND PRESENT POLITICAL CLIMATE AS REASON FOR THESE RESTRICTIONS. IN LIGHT GOP ATTITUDE, DIA IS NOT SURE HE WILL BE ABLE TO COMPLETE HIS PROJECT IN STIPULATED SIX MONTHS AND UNLESS THERE IS CHANGE IN LABOR MINISTRY'S POSITION MAY WAIT UNTIL AFTER NEW ELECTIONS BEFORE COMMENCING WORK.
- 2. IN VIEW OF DIA'S EXPERIENCE WE RECOMMEND THE DEPARTMENT ADVISE ASIAN-AMERICAN FREE LABOR INSTITUTE (AAFLI) THAT CONDITIONS DO NOT YET APPEAR SUITABLE FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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RETURN OF AAFLI REP TO PAKISTAN. WE WIL CONTINUE TO KEEP DEPARTMENT AND AAFLI INFORMED OF LABOR SITUATION AND WILL ADVISE WHEN CLIMATE IMPROVES.
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